

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2024 - HB 2174**

March 30, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP) within the Department of Finance and Administration to establish and seek federal funding through the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for use by drug courts in combating overt drug trafficking and associated violence.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$50,000/One-Time**

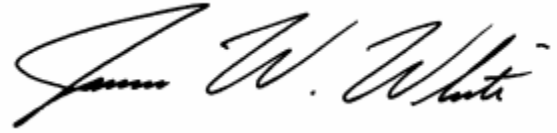
**Other Fiscal Impact – The bill directs the Office of Criminal Justice Programs to seek federal Byrne Grant funding to implement this program. It is unknown whether additional Byrne Grant funds will be obtained. If Byrne Grant funds are obtained, federal expenditures will increase in an amount exceeding \$150,000. Byrne Grant funds will be used to defray the one-time state program development cost and recurring local cost to drug courts to implement this program. The cost to local governments is contingent upon receipt of Byrne Grant funds and is estimated to exceed \$100,000.**

**Assumptions:**

- Program development by OCJP is mandatory and will be occur regardless whether Byrne Grant funding is obtained. The one-time cost of development could not be specified by OCJP but is estimated to exceed \$50,000.
- New Byrne Grant funds will be sought. Byrne Grant funding, if obtained, will be in addition to current Byrne Grant funding and will not supplant existing Byrne Grant funds.
- Local government implementation is contingent upon receipt of Byrne Grant funding and will not occur unless Byrne Grant funds are received.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

/lsc